1 A Yes, sir.

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- Q And the dispute, if I understand the opening statement
- 3 and the position taken by the company, is you folks claim
- 4 that you didn't know it was dangerous until about 1967. Is
- 5 that correct?
- 6 A That's roughly correct, yes.
- 7 Q Is it your testimony that Zonolite or W. R. Grace
- 8 never became concerned with removing the tremolite asbestos
- 9 from the final vermiculite material because it could cause
- 10 disease?
- 11 A No, sir. That's not true.
- 12 Q Maybe I misunderstood your --
- MR. LEWIS: Do you have Mr. Lovick's deposition?
- 14 The original? That's not the original. Oh, there it is.
- 15 I'm sorry, Deb. Thank you very much. I should have known
- 16 better than to question.
- 17 September 6th, 1989.
- May I approach the witness, Your Honor?
- 19 THE COURT: Very well.
- 20 Q (BY MR. LEWIS) Sir, I'm handing you what appears to
- 21 be your original deposition in this case and others. Was
- that deposition taken on September 6th, 1989?
- 23 A Yes, sir.
- 24 Q Would you turn to page 26 of that deposition. And
- 25 look at line 20. And was this question asked and this

- 1 Q Okay. So your testimony is part of the reason you
- 2 removed the tremolite from the concentrate was because it
- 3 created a health hazard to the users of the concentrated
- 4 vermiculite? Is that your testimony?
- 5 A That's -- That's a part of the reason that we did.
- 6 Q Okay. And what's the other part? Because you had to
- 7 get it out so you could sell it?
- 8 A No. Because it -- We wanted to remove all of the
- 9 foreign material we could from the concentrate.
- 10 Q But were you motivated by health concerns for the end
- 11 product user? That's what the question goes to.
- 12 A Well, I -- I'm not sure -- I'm not sure that I can
- 13 answer that question.
- 14 Q Are you aware that vermiculite insulation from the
- 15 W. R. Grace plant was used in the home of Don and Millie
- 16 Johnson?
- 17 A No, sir, I did not know that.

- 18 Q Now, you said earlier that when this -- this ore comes
- 19 into the mill, you testified that a substantial tonnage is
- 20 tremolite asbestos. And you said that it goes into the
- 21 tailings, different types of tailings; right?
- 22 A Some of it, yes.
- 23 Q But some of the it goes in the air, right?
- 24 A Yes, sir.
- 25 Q Some of it goes in the rafters and covers the

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- 2 A Yes, sir.
- 3 Q And some of it goes all the way into the air above the
- 4 plant; right?
- 5 A Yes, sir.
- 6 Q And when that plant's running, it's a dusty mess;
- 7 right?
- 8 A It's dusty, yes, sir.
- 9 Q And the dust goes right up into the sky and spreads
- 10 all over Libby; isn't that true?
- 11 A No, sir.
- 12 Q It doesn't?
- 13 A No, sir.
- 14 Q All right. This morning when I came to trial, I gave
- 15 you this book which has been marked for the record, Your
- 16 Honor, G -- Plaintiff's Exhibit G-57.
- Did you have an opportunity to look through this book?
- 18 A Yes, sir I did.
- 19 MR. LEWIS: May I approach the witness, Your
- 20 Honor?
- 21 THE COURT: Sure.
- 22 Q (BY MR. LEWIS) Do you recall your -- Excuse me, I
- 23 don't mean to turn my back on you. I'm sorry.
- Do you recall your deposition being taken in the
- 25 Gidley case?

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- 1 A Yes, sir.
- 2 Q Do you recall identifying a file that you maintained
- 3 concerning asbestos matters at the -- at the plant or the
- 4 mill in Libby?
- 5 A Well, I'm not really sure what file you will refer to
- 6 but --
- 7 Q In any event, are the documents contained in G-57
- 8 those documents you compiled in the ordinary and usual
- 9 course of your business with W. R. Grace or Zonolite?
- 10 A Yes, sir. These would all come from our files.
- 11 Q And they are true and correct copies of what's
- 12 contained in your file?
- 13 A I believe so, yes, sir.
- 14 Q And they were accumulated in the ordinary course of
- 15 your business?
- 16 A Yes, sir.
- MR. LEWIS: I'd move the admission of G-57.
- MR. GRAHAM: We would object to the introduction
- 19 of G-57, Your Honor, on the basis of relevancy and
- 20 materiality. Most of these documents, as the witness will
- 21 testify, were accumulated subsequent to all of the matters
- 22 realted to this lawsuit and were accumulated in connection
- 23 with a study and not with the ordinary course of business.
- 24 So we would so object.
- THE COURT: Any response?

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MR. LEWIS: The witness has testified they were

- accumulated in the ordinary and necessary course of
- 3 business of the company. They certainly come within an
- 4 exception to the hearsay rule.
- 5 THE COURT: Very well. The objection is
- 6 overruled.

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- 7 Q (BY MR. LEWIS) Now, these were referred in your
- 8 deposition as your documents. Do you recall that?
- 9 A No. I can't say that I -- You mean just now?
- 10 Q No. In the Gidley deposition?
- 11 A Well, I certainly don't remember everything that was
- 12 asked of me in the Gidley deposition but --
- 13 Q Would you tell the jury what these documents are
- 14 generally, in general terms.
- 15 A These documents cover a wide range -- a wide range of
- 16 material. They cover -- They include letters and data that
- 17 I collected for a study. There is included in here reports
- 18 from state agencies, reports that were compiled by myself
- 19 and others, there are engineering reports in here on the
- 20 results of dust sampling, there are many letters in here
- 21 that were written by others in and outside of the company
- 22 which refer to -- to dust matters and inspections that were
- 23 made by agencies and by air sampling. There is a
- 24 considerable number of reports which pertain to a study
- 25 which I participated in gathering the raw data for -- after

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- 1 I retired on former employees. And included in these is a
- 2 large number of death certificates on people who had
- 3 previously worked for us.
- 4 Q You went around and obtained those death certificates
- 5 for the McGill study. That is correct?
- 5 A Yes, sir.
- 7 Q And those death certificates that you obtained are --
- 8 they're included in this Exhibit G-57; is that correct?
- 9 A Copies of them, yes, sir.
- 10 Q I stand corrected. Copies of them. That's correct.
- 11 And what was the purpose of securing these death
- 12 certificates?
- 13 A This was data for the McGill study by a team of
- 14 epidemiologists who wished to evaluate the effects of
- 15 tremolite exposure by former employees and reasons for --
- 16 reasons for the deaths of the -- these employees who were
- 17 in the cohort list.
- 18 Q What do you mean cohort list?
- 19 A Well, we compiled a list of all employees who had ever
- 20 worked for us. And for the study, in order for it to be
- 21 meaningful, there had to be some criteria. And they used a
- 22 criteria of people who had been employed 20 or more years
- 23 previous to the study, which was done in 1983, which meant
- 24 that anybody who had been hired in 1963 or prior to that
- 25 and had worked for us one or more years were to be included

- in this cohort list.
- 2 Q And W. R. Grace acquired this company in 1963; is that
- 3 correct?
- 4 A Yes, sir.
- 5 Q So the study went back only as far as as 1963 and did
- 6 not include people that were employed before 1963; is that
- 7 correct?
- 8 A Included all people that were employed before 1963.
- 9 Q It included them?
- 10 A Before 1963 not after 1963.
- 11 Q Okay. I misunderstood. So this included only
- 12 employees that were --
- 13 A Had been employed one or more years and had been hired
- 14 in 1963 or prior.
- 15 Q All right. Now we're tracking. Thank you.
- So if somebody got employed in 1964, they would not be
- 17 included in this study?
- 18 A That is correct.
- 19 Q All right. Now, you said that these were a group of
- 20 epidemiologists that wanted to study this. Actually, Grace
- 21 paid for this study; is that true?
- 22 A It was not -- It was not the epidemiologists that
- 23 wanted this. Grace made a grant to McGill University to
- 24 conduct this study.
- 25 Q Grace paid for the study; right?

- 1 A Yes, sir.
- Q Okay. And where is McGill university?
- 3 A In Montreal, Quebec.
- 4 Q Isn't it a fact that long before the McGill study in
- 5 '83, you already knew that this tremolite asbestos was very
- dangerous to your employees?
- 7 A I don't understand the term "very dangerous," so I
- 8 can't agree.
- 9 Q How about just dangerous? Dangerous to your
- 10 employees?
- 11 A We knew that tremolite was a toxic material, but we
- 12 did not know the degree of the danger it was.
- 13 Q You didn't know in 1983, you didn't know -- You knew
- only that tremolite was a dangerous -- or a toxic material,
- 15 but you didn't know how dangerous it was? Is that your
- 16 testimony?
- 17 A Yes, sir.
- 18 Q Oh. You've got the exhibits. Thank you.
- 19 Did the State of Montana routinely do -- That's a bad
- 20 word. Did the State of Montana from time to time do
- 21 studies or -- or inspect the plant that Zonolite or W. R.
- 22 Grace was operating in Libby?
- 23 A Yes, sir.
- 24 Q And did you always receive copies of those reports?
- 25 A I believe so, yes, sir.

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- 1 Q Did you receive copies of those reports before W. R.
- 2 Grace acquired the company?
- 3 A Yes, sir.
- 4 Q I direct your attention to Plaintiff's Exhibit G-9.
- 5 I'll help you find it, sir.
- 6 A G what?
- 7 Q G-9. These are tabulated on the side. I hope you can
- 8 find it.
- 9 A Yes, sir.
- 10 Q Right here would be G-9.
- 11 Is G-9 a report from the Montana State Board of Health
- 12 Division of Disease Control concerning an industrial
- 13 hygiene study at Zonolite of Libby, Montana on August 8 and
- 14 9, 1956?
- 15 A Yes, sir.
- 16 Q Did you receive a copy of this report?
- 17 A Yes, sir.
- 18 Q Turn to page three of that report. And do you see an
- 19 area that says "toxicity"?
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- 21 Q You just said you knew that asbestos was toxic, you
- 22 just don't know how dangerous it was; right?
- 23 A Yes, sir.
- 24 Q Okay.
- MR. LEWIS: First of all, I'd move the admission

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- of Plaintiff's Exhibit G-9.
- MR. GRAHAM: No objection, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Be received.
- 4 MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 5 Q (BY MR. LEWIS) Under "toxicity," would you read those
- 6 paragraphs to the jury.
- 7 A It's titled "Toxicity." It states: "A review of the
- 8 literature indicates that vermiculite or the dust from this
- 9 material is not especially toxic, and it's generally
- 10 included only as a nuisance dust. However, the asbestos
- 11 dust in the dust in the air is of considerable toxicity and
- 12 is a factor in the consideration of reducing dustiness in
- 13 this plant."
- 14 Next paragraph: "According to Drinker and Hatch, the
- 15 pathological changes produced by asbestos are not like
- 16 those of silicosis. The asbestos fiber group about the
- 17 neck of the small air sacks in the lungs and stimulate the
- 18 formation of a diffuse fibrosis. There is no definite
- 19 migration or transportation of the dust particles to lymph
- 20 nodes and no formation of fibrous nodules. As the fibrosis
- 21 increases, the reduction in lung area causes a serious
- 22 decrease in lung capacity, more difficulty in breathing.
- 23 Hence it is suggested that enlarged hearts noted frequently
- 24 in the cases of secondary asbestosis may be the result of
- 25 the increased work with the heart resulting from this

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- 1 condition. It takes more work to pump the blood through
- 2 the asbestotic than through the normal lung."
- 3 Q Now, you said you received this report. Did that not
- 4 put -- Do you not understand that the asbestos in your mind
- 5 created a significant health hazard to your employees after
- 6 reading that?
- 7 A Yes, sir.
- 8 Q You did understand or did not?
- 9 A Yes, sir.
- 10 Q You knew that?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Did you give a copy of that report to any of your
- 13 employees?
- 14 A No, sir. Not to my knowledge.
- 15 Q Now going to page four of that report, 1956 report, do
- 16 you see those conclusions?
- 17 THE COURT: What year was this?
- MR. LEWIS: Excuse me, Your Honor. It's 1956.
- 19 THE COURT: Fifty-six.
- 20 MR. LEWIS: August 8 and 9, 1956.
- 21 Q (BY MR. LEWIS) Do you see the conclusions and
- 22 recommendations there?
- 23 A Yes, sir.
- 24 Q I'm going to read some of those to speed this up and
- 25 see if you agree with me. Number one -- Well, I'll skip

- 1 part of it. Says, "The following are several reasons why
- 2 the dustiness in the dry mill and heavy -- and why the
- 3 exhaust mechanism in design does not function: One. Dust
- 4 vibrates almost continuously off the rafters which have
- 5 become loaded and are continually loaded with dust
- 6 generating from many sources."
- 7 Is that there?
- 3 A Yes.
- 9 Q "Rubber connectors between vibrating screens in the
- 10 feed spouts are not tight nor are they replaced when they
- 11 vibrate off or they are worn out."
- 12 Is that there?
- 13 A Yes, sir.
- 14 Q I could go on and read, but in any event, there's
- 15 about 14 different findings. In fact, the summary says in
- 16 14, "In summary, the foregoing points are illustrative of
- what would be poor policy in matters of maintenance and
- 18 operation of this plant. The following recommendations are
- 19 based on the observations presented and on the basis of
- 20 dust counts, silica content, and asbestos content of the
- 21 dust. It will be recognized that the following
- 22 recommendations are particularly broad and non-specific.
- 23 Until such time as the general overall maintenance and
- 24 repair of existing deduct work both in the exhaust system
- 25 and ore feed pipes have been sufficiently repaired, no

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- 1 specific recommendations appear to be justified."
- 2 So it was  $-\frac{1}{2}$  the place was in such bad shape, they
- 3 couldn't make specific recommendations. Is that true?
- 4 A No. I don't think that's true. I think they could
- 5 have made specific recommendations.
- 6 Q Well -- Okay. Now turn to Exhibit G-10. The first
- 7 page of that is a January 12, 1959 letter from Benjamin
- 8 Wick, industrial hygiene engineer for the Division of
- 9 Disease Control to Mr. R. A. Blake, manager of Zonolite
- 10 Company. Is that correct?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And he's enclosing two copies of the industrial
- 13 hygiene study done on December 16 and 17 1958. Is that
- 14 correct?
- 15 A Yes, sir.
- 16 Q And also included in this Exhibit G-10 is that
- 17 industrial hygiene study which is dated, I guess the date
- 18 of the study is January 12, 1959. Is that correct?
- 19 A Yes.
- MR. LEWIS: Move the admission of Plaintiff's
- 21 Exhibit G-10.
- MR. GRAHAM: No objection, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Very well. Be received.
- Q (BY MR. LEWIS) Would you go to page one of that
- 25 report. Under "concentrations," is there a paragraph or

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- 1 subsection that says "concentrations" there?
- 2 A Yes.

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- 3 Q Is there any mention of asbestos in that?
- 4 A Yes, sir.
- 5 Q Would you read that to the jury, please.
- 6 A "A review of table one indicates that the
- 7 concentrations in the dust were somewhat lower than they
- 8 were during the previous study in August, 1956. But the
- 9 concentrations were still significant in view of the
- 10 concentration of asbestos particles found in each of the
- 11 samples. The concentration of asbestos was estimated by
- 12 counting the asbestos particles contained in each of the 13
- 13 samples collected. The percentage of airborne asbestos was
- 14 determined to be in a concentration of from 12 to 31
- 15 percent with an average being approximately 27 percent.
- 16 The values found in the asbestos particles column is based
- 17 generally on the average concentration of 27 percent. It
- 18 should be noted that this concentration may be less than
- 19 that actually present in the air, since the particles which
- 20 had characteristics of asbestos were the only ones counted
- 21 and those particles that are so small that the rod-like
- 22 appearance could not be observed were not counted asbestos
- 23 -- as asbestos but were evaluated as overall dust level."
- 24 Q So they found concentrations of from 12 to 31 percent
- of asbestos in the airborne dust, but they said that those

- 1 counts, if anything, would be low. Is that true?
- 2 A Yes, sir, it said they could be low.
- 3 Q And that the actual amount of asbestos in the air
- 4 could have been higher?
- 5 A Yes, sir.
- 6 Q Did you receive this report?
- 7 A Yes, sir.
- 8 Q And would you agree with me that on pages three --
- 9 actually two through six of this report, there are a
- 10 multitude of specific recommendations that needed to be
- 11 accomplished to clean up the dust problem at the mill?
- 12 A Yes, sir.
- 13 Q And those were the same kinds of problems pointed cut
- 14 with more specificity in this report, the same kinds of
- 15 problems that were in the 1956 report. Is that true?
- 16 A Yes, sir.
- 17 Q It was in that time that you folks heard about a
- 18 gentleman by the name of Glen Taylor having developed some
- 19 lung problems. Is that true?
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- 21 Q Would you look at Plaintiff's Exhibit G-10.1.
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And that indicates that there was a question of
- 24 asbestosis in that man's medical findings on that date. Is
- 25 that correct?

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- A Yes.
- 2 Q And he's also had pulmonary tuberculosis; is that
- 3 correct?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q But you were put on notice at least by February 11,
- 6 1959 that there was a questionable diagnosis of asbestosis
- 7 for one of your employees; is that true?
- 8 A Yes, sir.
- 9 Q And you knew about that?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Is that true?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q The direct your attention to Plaintiff's Exhibit
- 14 G-10.2.
- 15 Q Do you recognize that document?
- 16 A Yes, sir.
- 17 Q What is the date of that document?
- 18 A July 20th, 1959.
- 19 Q And who was it addressed to?
- 20 A It was addressed to Raymond A. Blake.
- 21 Q Who was the author of the document?
- 22 A Dr. J. M. Carins.
- 23 Q And who was Dr. Carins?
- 24 A He was a general practitioner and surgeon in Libby
- 25 Montana.

- 1 Q Did you receive a copy of this report?
- 2 A Mr. Blake received a copy and I saw a copy, yes, sir.
- 3 Q Did you see a copy very soon after Mr. Blake received
- 4 it?
- 5 A I don't remember exactly when, but it would have been
- 6 relatively soon.
- 7 Q What does this report tell Mr. Blake?
- 8 A It's an analysis of the -- a breakdown of the results
- 9 of the interpretations of an x-ray study that were done of
- 10 all of our employees in 1959.
- 11 Q Who commissioned that x-ray study?
- 12 A The company did.
- 13 Q So this was an x-ray study done at the request of the
- 14 company?
- 15 A Yes, sir.
- 16 Q And how many employees were examined?
- 17 A A hundred and thirty.
- 18 Q How many of them had abnormal chest x-rays?
- 19 A Forty-eight.
- 20 Q And was there evidence of pleural thickening --
- 21 A Yes, sir.
- 22 Q -- in some of those?
- 23 A Yes, sir.
- 24 Q And interstitial fibrosis?
- 25 A Yes, sir.

- Q Do you understand interstitial fibrosis to be a form
- 2 of asbestosis?
- 3 A No, sir.
- 4 Q You don't understand that to be asbestosis?
- 5 A No, sir.
- 6 Q In any event, an interstitial fibrosis -- there were
- 7 26 cases of that in those x-rays; is that correct?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q And there was at least one malignant lesion. Is that
- 10 true?
- 11 A Yes, sir.
- 12 Q Now, were you informed by this doctor that that was an
- 13 inordinately high incident of lung disease for that group
- 14 of employees?
- 15 A I don't -- I don't really recall.
- 16 Q You don't recall?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q You don't recall one way or the other?
- 19 A No. I think that -- I think the answer is yes.
- 20 Q The answer is yes; isn't it?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q You know that that's an exceptionally high level of
- 23 lung problems for a group of a hundred and thirty people;
- 24 is that true?
- 25 A Yes.

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- 1 Q And those findings, pleural thickening and
- 2 interstitial fibrosis, are consistent with asbestos-related
- 3 disease, if nothing else; is that true?
- 4 A I don't know.
- 5 Q But in any event, in 1959, would you agree with me
- 6 this identified a potential serious health hazard to the
- 7 lungs of your workers?
- 8 A Yes, sir.
- 9 Q I want to ask you to go to --
- MR. LEWIS: Well, I better move the admission of
- 11 that, Your Honor. I'm sorry. Move the admission of
- 12 Plaintiff's Exhibit G-10.2.
- 13 THE COURT: Objection?
- MR. GRAHAM: No objection.
- 15 THE COURT: Received.
- MR. GRAHAM: That's the report of July 20th,
- 17 1959?
- MR. LEWIS: I apologize, counselor. Yes, it is.
- 19 July --
- THE COURT: We'll go for about another ten
- 21 minutes then take a coffee break.
- MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 23 Q (BY MR. LEWIS) Would you turn to Plaintiff's Exhibit
- 24 G-11. Did that come from the W. R. Grace file?
- 25 A Yes, sir.

- 1 Q It's got "file" marked in the upper left-hand corner.
- 2 Is that your writing?
- 3 A I believe not.
- 4 Q But in any event, you received a copy of this April
- 5 19, 1962 report; is that correct?
- A Well, I'm not sure that I received a copy. It would
- 7 have been received in the company. I would have seen it
- 8 sometime after that.
- 9 Q And that's another report from the Montana Department
- 10 of Health people; is that correct?
- 11 A Yes, sir.
- 12 Q Now, that's -- I apologize for the copy there. That's
- 13 the best we can do. Can you struggle with me to read this?
- 14 A Yes, sir.
- 15 Q Okay.
- 16 A I'll certainly try.
- 17 Q Okay. I want to get a look at the very first
- 18 paragraph -- in fact the very first sentence of this
- 19 report. Would you read that to the jury.
- 20 A "On March 6th, 7th, and 8th, 1962, an industrial
- 21 hygiene study was made of the Zonolite mill at Libby,
- 22 Montana to determine if any of the" -- I can't read that
- 23 word.
- 24 Q Does it look like components or -- It is difficult to
- 25 read.

- 1 A ". . . if any of the components . . . " That fits, but
- 2 -- ". . . if any of the components of the operations
- 3 continued to be a threat to the health of the employees.
- 4 The last" --
- 5 Q That --
- 6 A Excuse me.
- 7 Q Go ahead. Go ahead and read on if you want.
- 8 A "The last study of December, 1958 indicated
- 9 substantial quantities of dust in various areas of the
- 10 plant for which recommendations were made concerning a
- 11 substantial reduction. The study of March 6th through 8th,
- 12 1962 was made after a conference with Mr. R. A. Blake,
- 13 manager of the company, and Mr. R. J. Kujawa, chief
- 14 engineer of the plant. Mr. Robert Vinion acted as guide
- 15 during the study and supplied information needed for the
- 16 performance of the investigation."
- 17 Q Now Mr. Blake you've already said was the manager of
- 18 the company. Mr. Kujawa -- that's K-U-J-A-W-A -- he was
- 19 the chief engineer. Was he stationed in Libby?
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- 21 Q Is he still alive?
- 22 A No, sir.
- 23 Q Do you know what he died of?
- 24 A Colonic cancer.
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- Q (BY MR. LEWIS) Do you know if he had any lung-related
- 2 problems?
- 3 A Not to my knowledge.
- 4 Q How about Mr. Vinion? Is he still alive?
- 5 A No, sir.
- 6 Q What did he die of?
- 7 A He died of lung cancer to my understanding from what
- 8 -- what I was told in both cases.
- 9 Q Well, in any event, you checked into these employees
- 10 as part of your McGill study?
- 11 A No, sir. These two people were not included.
- 12 Q They weren't?
- 13 A They've died since that study was made.
- 14 Q I see. You only looked at people who died, you didn't
- 15 look for people who were still living and afflicted by this
- 16 disease; is that right?
- 17 A Well, that and --
- 18 Q In the McGill study?
- 19 A That's not entirely true. When you say "looked at,"
- 20 I'm not sure what that means, sir.
- 21 Q Well, that's fair criticism. When you did the McGill
- 22 study, was that a mortality study?
- 23 A Basically, yes.
- 24 Q And you obtained in 1983 death certificates; right?
- 25 A Yes.

1 Q That was the major thrust of the study; right?

- 2 A Well, included in that, we -- If I may expand on this.
- Q Well, I'll ask you, did you look for people that were
- 4 still alive? Did you look for people that were still alive
- who suffered from lung disease? Did you do that?
- 6 A May I explain?
- 7 Q Sure. Go ahead.
- 8 A Because that -- that statement is partially true, and
- 9 I'll explain why it's true. These people, and there were
- 10 over 400 people included in the cohort list. As I've
- 11 previously stated, I believe a hundred and sixty-five
- 12 people of these were dead, which meant that there were 240
- or so alive. And these people were scattered all over the
- 14 United States. It was not practical to examine all of
- 15 those.
- 16 What we did is get addresses of these people as to
- 17 where they were located. People that were located within
- 18 200 miles of Libby, we contacted them by writing letters
- 19 and asked them if they would be willing to participate in
- 20 this study and asked them if they would come into Libby for
- 21 a questionnaire and a chest x-ray and a pulmonary function
- 22 test. And if they did, well, we would pay their expenses.
- 23 Some of these people, of course, lived in Libby and in
- 24 the area, and others within 200 miles. There were
- 25 something over 200 people on this list, just over 200, and

- I think we got compliance of about 80 or 90 of these
- 2 people.
- 3 So we did, to use your words, we did look at some of
- 4 them.
- 5 Q Okay.
- 6 A But not all of them.
- 7 Q And they were -- And McGill conducted that study,
- 8 McGill University?
- 9 A Yes, sir.
- 10 Q Okay. Now, to go on, in this report, does it not say
- 11 under "Description of Operations" the second paragraph,
- 12 that the dry mill was observed most closely during this
- 13 study, and it was found as during all previous
- 14 investigations to be extremely dusty and in the need of
- 15 repair and modification to reduce dustiness to acceptable
- 16 limits?
- 17 A Yes, sir.
- 18 Q You see that?
- 19 A Yes, sir.
- 20 Q And participating in arriving at that conclusion was
- 21 the manager, Mr. Blake, the chief engineer, Mr. Kujawa, and
- 22 I guess Mr. Vinion as guide. They were consulted before
- 23 that finding was made; is that correct?
- 24 A Yes, sir.
- 25 Q And the report indicates in the next paragraph that

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- the sampling that they did was conducted on what appeared
- 2 to be average days of operations; is that true?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q So that would appear to make it, would you agree, an
- 5 adequate or reasonable sampling?
- 6 A Yes, sir, I would agree.
- 7 Q So you continued to have a serious dust problem in the
- dry mill in 1962. Do you agree with that?.
- 9 A Yes, sir.
- 10 Q Now, look at Plaintiff's Exhibit G-11.1. It's
- 11 entitled "Acquisition of Zonolite Company R-C-A No. 225."
- 12 Have you ever seen that document before?
- 13 A Yes, sir,
- 14 Q And is that part of the records of W. R. Grace?
- 15 A I would assume that it is, yes, sir.
- 16 Q Well, in fact, it was generated by W. R. Grace
- 17 employees; is that true?
- 18 A When I say I've seen this, I have -- I've only seen it
- 19 in connection with preparation of a deposition very
- 20 recently. So I am not familiar with it. I have not read
- 21 this.
- 22 Q All right. I won't ask you any questions about it.
- 23 That's fair. I appreciate that.
- 24 But you do recognize this as an official Grace
- 25 document; is that right?

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     A Yes, sir.
     Q And it was produced by Grace employees?
     A Yes, sir. I would assume so.
               MR. LEWIS: Move the admission of Plaintiff's
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     Exhibit G-11.1.
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               MR. GRAHAM: No objection, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Be received.
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          (BY MR. LEWIS) Now, I'll direct your attention to
     Plaintiff's Exhibit G-12. This is an agreement and plan of
     reorganization between W. R. Grace and Company and Zonolite
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     Company. Do you see that?
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          Yes, sir.
       Have you had an opportunity to review this document?
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        Yes, sir. I've seen it. Again, I have not read it.
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          It was generated by W. R. Grace and Zonolite, but it's
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     not within your area of expertise. Is that fair?
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         That's correct.
         But you do recognize it as a Grace document?
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     A Yes, sir.
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              MR. LEWIS: For the record, we move for the
     admission of Plaintiff's Exhibit G-12, Your Honor, because
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     it includes our representation concerning assumption of
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     liabilities and completes the record.
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              MR. GRAHAM: We have no objection to the
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admission of that, Your Honor.

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1 THE COURT: Be received.
2 MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Your Honor.
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- 3 Q (BY MR. LEWIS) Okay. The next document is
- 4 Plaintiff's G-13. Is that another Montana State Board of
- 5 Health report of industrial hygiene study at Zonolite?
- 6 A Yes, sir.
- 7 Q For April 11, 1963?
- 8 A Yes, sir.
- 9 Q Would you read the first paragraph under "Description
- 10 of Operations" on page two.
- 11 A "The operation of the plant is essentially that as
- 12 described in previous reports and will not be repeated here
- 13 except to evaluate the overall dustiness on each floor and
- 14 concern-- comments concerning dust producers at the
- 15 locations noted. In general, there appeared to be little
- 16 if any improvement at any point in the plant except perhaps
- 17 at the row grinder where a significant reduction in dust
- 18 contributed to this area has been accomplished.
- 19 Specifically, the major dust producing areas were as
- 20 follows . . ."
- 21 Q Fifth floor the screens were very dusty. Is that
- 22 true?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q "Fourth floor: Much dustiness continues to be
- 25 apparent in this area." True?

- 1 A Yes.
- Q "Third floor: The main dust producers in this area
- 3 were at No. 3 concentrator bin"?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And there's other dust leaks on the third floor. Is
- 6 that true?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q And it goes on all the way down, at all levels there
- 9 was too much dust. Do you agree with that?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Who was the general manager of Zonolite on April 11,
- 12 1963?
- 13 A Mr. Blake.
- 14 Q And you reported to him; is that correct?
- 15 A Yes, sir.
- 16 THE COURT: Well, perhaps this would be a good
- 17 time to -- we'll take a coffee break, members of the jury.
- 18 Get back here in about 15 minutes. I think the coffee
- 19 ought to be ready for the jurors. We'll recess.
- 20 (The proceedings in this matter were recessed at
- 21 2:40 p.m. and reconvened at 3:26 p.m.)
- 22 (The following proceedings were had in open court
- 23 with the jury present, beginning at 3:23 p.m.)
- 24 THE COURT: Back on the matter of Mildred Johnson
- 25 versus W. R. Grace and Company.

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1	Members of the jury, during the 15 minute coffee break
2	which stretched into 45 minutes, the case has been settled
3	to the complete satisfaction of both parties. So it's
4	over.
5	Sometimes it doesn't happen until the jury is sitting
6	in the box and heard some evidence. So you provided an
7	important public function just being here and moving this
8	matter along. And we have two other matters that are very
9	similar to this; one has been settled, the other is very
10	close to being settled. So I want to thank you for your
11	time and your service in this case. And that's it. You're
12	free to go.
13	Thank you very much. You're discharged.
14	• (The proceedings in this matter were adjourned
15	and the jury was released at 3:28 p.m.)
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